IN THE MATTER OF GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF BERNARD FREDERICK PAGE

PART ONE

NAME:

Bernard Federick Page

DATE OF BIRTH:

Code A

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED:

Son

NAME OF DECEASED:

Eva Isobel Page

LAST ADDRESS OF DECEASED:

Code A

DATE OF BIRTH: IF WELLEN

DATE OF DEATH:

Code A

A. Formal Details

1.	I am Mr Bernard Frederick Pa	ge of Code A
	Code A	and my date of birth is the
	Code A I am the son of Eva Isobel Page.	

B. Particulars of Coroner's Involvment/Post Mortem

1. My mother's death was not referred to the coroner, neither was a post mortem carried out following her death.

C. Admittance to Gosport War Memorial Hospital

- My mother was transferred from the Queens Alexandra Hospital to Gosport War Memorial Hospital at approximately 12pm on 27/02/1998.
- Primarily she was admitted to hospital for rehabilitation. She had suffered from Angina and following an X-ray at the Queens Alexandra Hospital it was suspected that she may have a lung cancer.
- 3. My mother was admitted to the Dryad Ward at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

D. Chronology of Complaints

- 1. My initial complaint was made on the 9/04/2001 to Detective Sargent Code A Kingston Police Station. I received a phone call from the Detective on the 10/04/2001 to confirm that he had received the letter.
- 2. On the 15/11/2001 I received a letter from John James stating that he would not be taking the investigation any further. All relevant information had been passed to CHI.
- 3. On the 13/11/2001 I received a letter from CHI stating that they wished to take a statement from me.
- 4. On the 13/02/2002 I received a further letter from John James asking me to have a meeting with him on the 22/02/2002.

- On the 17/05/2002 I had a meeting with Lucy Docherty, the lay Chairman of the Fareham and Gosport PCT and Ian Piper the Chief Executive of the PCT.
- 6. On the 17/05/2002 I wrote to Mike Hudspith at the GMC making a formal complaint against Dr Lord and Dr Barton.
- 7. On the 17/05/2002 I made a complain to the UKCC.
- 8. On the 21/05/2002 I received a letter from Hampshire Constabulary stating that the matter had been referred to the professional standards department.
- 9. On the 23/05/2002 I receive a reply from Fareham and Gosport PCT.
- 10. On the 27/05/2002 I receive a reply from Derek Stevens regarding the professional standards commission stating that the matter had been passed over to Dan Clacker.
- 11. On the 29/05/2002 I had a meeting with Dan Clacker where I made an informal statement.
- 12. On the 12/06/2002 I receive a response from the GMC confirming that they have received a copy of Professor Ford's report.
- 13. On the 21/06/2002 the GMC write to inform me that I will not be able to receive a copy of this report.
- 14. On the 12/08/2002 I receive a letter from UKCC stating that this matter had been passed to the their preliminary proceedings.
- 15. On the 19/08/2002 I receive a letter from Hampshire Constabulary stating that the matter had been referred again to the CPS.
- 16. On the 22/08/2002 I write again to Hampshire Constabulary to complain about the lack of progress.

- 17. On the 30/08/2002 I write to the Attorney General with a general summary regarding the issues involved in my case.
- 18. On the 12/09/2002 I receive a letter from the GMC stating that the matter has been referred from the PPC to the PCC.
- 19. On the 27/09/2002 I receive a letter from UKCC stating that the matter has now been adjourned.
- 20. On the 3/10/02 I receive a letter from the Attorney General stating that it is not their responsibility and it is being actively considered by the CPS.

E. Main Concerns

- I am extremely concerned about the care and treatment that my mother received at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, particulary the use of sedation drugs.
- 2. I am also concerned about the lack of understanding the police have for the medical profession.
- 3. Moreover, I feel that the system as a whole is incompetent and there appears to be little control over the medical profession.

F. Further Potential Witnesses

 My wife Marguerite Page and my daughter Samantha Page also visited my mother whilst she was in the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.
Signed
Bernard Frederick Page
Dated